

which Majerus (1994. *loc. cit.*) gives as the mean for his study period; a pair of Cream-streaked Ladybirds *Harmonia quadripunctata* (Pontoppidan) at Watford, Hertfordshire (vice-county 20), were mating on 30 March (cf. Majerus' earliest date of 26 March in 1989, and mean of 13 April in 1985-1988).— C. M. EVERETT, The Lodge, Kytes Drive, Watford, Hertfordshire WD25 9NZ.

***Gymnancyla canella* (D.& S.) (Lep.: Pyralidae), new to Devon**

Two specimens of *Gymnancyla canella* (D.& S.) were taken at light near the Visitor Centre at Dawlish Warren on 4.viii.2001, by myself, B. P. Henwood and S. Mitchell. This is the first time the species has been seen in Devon. The seaward side of the sand dunes was visited in early September, but the prickly saltwort *Salsola kali*, which is abundant away from the trampled part of the sand up to the eastern end of Dawlish Warren, had died back. One of the specimens was exhibited at the Amateur Entomologists' Society Exhibition on 6.x.2001 and both specimens were shown at the British Entomological and Natural History Society Exhibition on 10.xi.2001. Further work will be carried out in 2002.— Roy MCCORMICK, 36 Paradise Road, Teignmouth, Devon TQ14 8NR.

Notes on breeding two forms of the Riband Wave *Idaea aversata* (L.) (Lep.: Geometridae) at Freshwater, Isle of Wight

In June 2000 I caught a female banded form at light at Freshwater of *Idaea aversata* (L.) which had an orange ground colour. I managed to breed a series of the banded form with orange ground colour together with the plain form, ab. *remutata*, with typical ground colour and the banded form with typical ground colour. 60% of the bred specimens were of the banded form with orange ground colour and the remaining 40% were divided between the other two forms. There were no examples of an orange ab. *remutata* so it appears that the orange variety only occurs in the banded form.

On 30 June 2001, I took a female *Idaea aversata* (L.) ab. *remutata* at light at Freshwater which had a pale red colour. The resultant progeny emerged in August, fifteen (58%) of which were orange ground coloured ab. *remutata* and eleven (42%) were typical ab. *remutata*. There were no examples of the banded form in the entire brood so it appears that the red form is governed by a dominant gene.

I have taken several other examples of both the orange and red forms in my garden at Freshwater, Isle of Wight and shall continue to breed from these forms when the opportunity arises. Examples of these forms will be exhibited at the Annual Exhibition of the British Entomological & Natural History on 10 November 2001.— S. A. KNILL-JONES, Roundstone, 2 School Green Road, Freshwater, Isle of Wight.